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Application of: William W. Cimino)
Serial No. 09/829,678) Group Art Unit: 3763
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For: Protective Sheath and)
Method for Ultrasonic)
Probes)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002 (the "Office Action"), which was designated as a "final" rejection of all the claims in this application. For the reasons set forth herein applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action is deficient, both factually and legally, and that the claims are allowable for the reasons set forth herein.